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SUMMARY: CHAIRMAN MAO TOOK ON A HIGH PROFILE AS THE NEW YEAR BEGAN, AND PEKING CONTINUED TO TRUMPET THE CALL TO PAY ATTENTION TO IDEOLOGY. INJUNCTIONS NOT TO FORGET CLASS STRUGGLE TOOK THE LEAD OVER PRODUCTION/CONSTRUCTION THEMES WHILE THE GENERAL CALL TO REAFFIRM THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION CONTINUED. THE VISITS OF JULIE AND DAVID EISENHOWER AND THE CONGRESSWOMEN'S DELEGATION HIGHLIGHTED SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONSHIPS DURING THE WEEK. THE FRETELIN DELEGATION DEPARTED PEKING WITH NO INDICATION OF CONCRETE ACCOMPLISHMENTS. PRC ANTI-SOVIET INVECTIVE CONTINUES. END SUMMARY

1. INTERNAL SCENE: NEW YEAR'S EDITORIAL PUSHES IDEOLIGICAL LINE

CHINA BEGAN 1976 WITH A HARD-HITTING , MILITANT EDITORIAL WHICH HIGHLIGHTS A CHAIRMAN MAO QUOTATION THAT "STABILITY AND UNITY DOES NOT MEAN WRITING OFF CLASS STRUGGLE....." (HONG KONG 003). COMING AS IT DID ON THE HEELS OF A DEBATE IN EDUCATION (WR 53) AND A CALL TO REAFFIRM THE VALUES OF THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION (CR), THE EMPHASIS ON IDEOLOGY SHARPLY CONTRASTS WITH LAST YEAR'S RATHER UNEMOTIONAL ATTENTION TO PRODUCTION/CONSTRUCTION GOALS. IN FACT, THE CONFIDENTIAL

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EDITORIAL SKIPPED OVER THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS' LANGUAGE CALLING FOR A "MODERN POWERFUL SOCIALIST CHINA" BY THE END OF THE CENTURY. CONFIDENTIAL

2. FOLLOWING THE JOINT EDITORIAL IN THE RED FLAG'S CURRENT ISSUE, A CHIH HENG ARTICLE PICKS UP THE CLASS STRUGGLE THEME AND, THROUGH HISTORICAL DELINEATION OF PAST STRUGGLES

IN THE PARTY BETWEEN MAO'S LINE AND THOSE OF NOW- DISCREDITED LEADERS, IMPLIES THAT CURRENT DISCUSSIONS MAY THEMSELVES INVOLVE A SIMILAR STRUGGLE (HONG KONG 0166). NEVERTHELESS, BOTH THE EDITORIAL AND THE CHIH HENG ARTICLE PICK UP A PHRASE THAT NO "FIGHTING GROUPS" ARE TO BE ORGANIZED AND THAT PARTY COMMITTEES MUST CONTROL AND DIRECT THE DISCUSSIONS. CONFIDENTIAL

3. PROVINCIAL REPLAY OF THE EDITORIAL AND DISCUSSION OF CLASS STRUGGLE AND THE TWO POEMS WRITTEN BY CHAIRMAN MAO-- WHICH SERVED AS A PRELUDE TO THE EDITORIAL-- HAVE GENERALLY REFLECTED A MORE MODERATE POSITION THAN THE ONE PROPOUNDED IN CHIH HENG'S ELABORATION OF EDITORIAL THEMES. IN FACT, ALTHOUGH THIS MAY IN PART BE ACCOUNTED FOR BY A TIME LAG IN OBTAINING CENTRAL INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO PLAY THE DISCUSSION, PROVINCIAL ATTENTION HAS GIVEN MUCH HIGHER PROFILE TO PRODUCTIONS/CONSTRUCTION THEMES AND THE GENERAL THRUST OF DISCUSSION IS MORE REMINISCENT OF THE 1975 PATTERN.) CONFIDENTIAL

4. IN AN UNPRECEDENTED MOVE, CHAIRMAN MAO'S MEETING WITH JULIE AND DAVID EISENHOWER WAS GIVEN PROMINENCE IN PEOPLE'S DAILY ON JANUARY 1 AHEAD OF BOTH MAO'S POEMS AND THE JOINT EDITORIAL. IN ADDITION, FILMS OF THIS HISTORIC MEETING ARE NOW CIRCULATING THROUGHOUT CHINA WHILE THE EISENHOWERS FOR THE CHINESE READ "DEPENDENT OF FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON"--- ARE STILL ON THEIR PROVINCIAL TOUR " HIGH PROFILE FOR MAO AND/OR FURTHER ATTENTION TO THE SINO-US RELATIONSHIP COULD BOTH ACCOUNT FOR THE UNUSUAL TREATMENT. CHAIRMAN MAO'S PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT TO BEGIN THE NEW YEAR WAS SINGULARLY HIGH AND , IN ADDITION TO THE MEETING WITH THE EISENHOWERS

AND THE NEW QUOTATION IN THE EDITORIAL, THE TWO POEMS HE PENNED IN 1965 SERVED TO INTRODUCE A NEW AND VERY FEEBLE CONFIDENTIAL

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MAO SIGNATURE--- APPARENTLY USING PEN RATHER THAN TRADITIONAL BRUSH. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

5. THE CULTURE FRONT

PEKING CHOSE THE OCCASION OF THE REPUBLICATION OF MAO'S TWO POEMS TO ANNOUNCE RESUMPTION OF PUBLICATION OF TWO MONTHLIES, "POETRY" AND "PEOPLE'S LITERATURE". ACCORDING TO AVAILABLE RECORDS, DTH SUSPENDED PUBLICATION DURING THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION. THE ANNOUNCEMENT COINCIDED WITH THE RELEASE OF A SPATE OF NEW FILMS, AT LEAST TWO OF WHICH ACCORDING TO NCNA, DEAL WITH THE STRUGGLE AGAINST BOURGEOIS INFLUENCES IN EDUCATION. THIS INCREASED ATTENTION TO CULTURAL AFFAIRS MAY BE A SIGN THAT PEKING IS CONFIDENT ENOUGH OF

DEVELOPMENTS IN LITERATURE AND THE ARTS TO BEGIN TO LOOSEN THE STRAIGHTJACKET WHICH HAS CONFINED THEM SO TIGHTLY IN RECENT YEARS (HONG KONG A-262, 1975). CHIANG CHING HAS NOT SO FAR BEEN PUBLICLY ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ARTICLE FLOWERING, ALTHOUGH HER PROTEGE, MINISTER OF CULTURE YU HUI-YUNG, LED PEKING LITERARY AND ART WORKERS JANUARY 3 IN PRAISING THE CHAIRMAN'S POEMS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

6. APPOINTMENTS AND REHABILITATIONS

HSI CHIN-WU, A DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE TIBET MILITARY DISTRICT FOR THE PAST YEAR, HAS BEEN PROMOTED TO COMMANDER, REPLACING CHEN MING-YI. A PEKING MILITARY REG , DEPUTY COMMANDER, WAN HAI-FENG, HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED IN A NEW POSITION AS DEPUTY POLITICAL COMMISSAR OF THE MR.; - \$3:3.?34 31 BROADCAST FROM ANHWEI MENTIONED CHIA HUI-SHENG (PHONETIC) AS A HITHERTO UNIDENTIFIED VICE MINISTER OF COAL, BRINGING TO THREE THE NUMBER OF NEW VICE MINISTERS IDENTIFIED IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS FOR THAT IMPORTANT INDUSTRY. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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7. IN SHANGHAI, VETERAN CADRE YANG HSI-KUANG HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE MUNICIPAL REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE, HIS FIRST REAPPEARANCE SINCE THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION (NCNA JANUARY 4). AT THAT TIME YANG, THEN A PARTY DEPUTY SECRETARY WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN EDUCATION, WAS CRITICIZED AT MASS RALLIES FOR HAVING TRIED TO SABOTAGE CHAIRMAN MAO'S REVOLUTIONARY LINE IN EDUCATION. HIS REHABILITATION NOW IN THE MIDST OF A NEW STRUGGLE OVER EDUCATION LOOKS LIKE A CASE OF PARTICULARLY UNFORTUNATE TIMING. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

8. THE UNITED STATES

CHAIRMAN MAO'S NEW YEAR'S EVE MEETING WITH JULI AND DAVID EISENHOWER PROMINENTLY UNDERSCORES THE PRC LEADERSHIP'S STILL HIGH REGARD FOR FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON (SEE ALSO WR 53, 1975). AT THE MEETING, THE CHAIRMAN REPORTEDLY REITERATED HIS INVITATION FOR THE FORMER PRESIDENT TO VISIT CHINA. SENIOR VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING ALSO MET AND FETED THE EISENHOWERS BEFORE THEY DEPARTED FOR SOUTHERN CHINA ACCOMPANIED BY PRCLO CHIEF HUANG CHEN AND HIS WIFE. DURING THE WEEK, IN ADDITION TO FONMIN CHIAO KUAN-HUA,

TENG AND FEMALE NPC VICE CHAIRMAN LI SU-WEN JOINTLY RECEIVED THT VISITING US CONGRESSWOMEN'S DELEGATION. LI LATER HOSTED A LUNCHEON IN THE DELEGATION'S HONOR AND WAE THE RANKING PRC GUEST AT THE RETURN BANQUET. UNCLASSIFIED

9. THE NEW YEAR'S EDITORIAL

FOR THE THIRD STRAIGHT YEAR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS RECEIVED ONLY BRIEF COVERAGE IN THE JOINT PEOPLE'S DAIL/RED FLAG/LIBERATION ARMY DAILY NEW YEAR'S EDITORIAL. REPEATING WELL-KNOWN AND FAMILIAR PRC VIEWS, THE EDITORIAL CONDEMNS THE SOVIETS BOTH FOR THE BANKRUPTCY OF THEIR "GOULASH COMMUNISM" ECONOMY AND AS "PRECISELY THE MOST DANGEROUS SOURCE OF WAR." IT CONTAINED THE STANDARD PLEDGE TO LIBERATE TAIWAN, PRAISED THE THIRD WORLD AS THE "MAIN FORCE" IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE WORLD'S EVILS, AND POINTED TO EUROPE AS THE FOCUS OF SUPERPOWER CONTENTION (HONG KONG 0003). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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10. SOVIETS

WHATEVER THE PRC RATIONALE BEHIND RELEASING THE SOVIET HELICOPTER CREW, ANTI-SOVIET INVECTIVE IN THE PRC MEDIA CONTINUES KSNABATED. THE MAJOR PIECE DURING THE WEEK WAS A SIX-PAGE-PLUS, NCNA CORRESPONDENT'S ARTICLE ENTITLED "SOVIET SOCIAL-IMPERIALISM--THE MOST DANGEROUS SOURCE OF WAR," WHICH CONDEMNS THE SOVIETS FOR FALLING BACK INTO REVISIONISM AND RESTORING CAPITALISM, FOR EXCESSIVE ARMS EXPENDITURES, AND FOR BEING PREPARED FOR EITHER A CONVENTIONAL OR NUCLEAR WAR (HONG KONG 0113). IN ANOTHER ANTI-SOVIET ARTICLZWN NCNA USED THE NEW YEAR'S EDITORIAL COMMENT ON "GOULASH COMMUNISM" AS THE DEPARTURE POINT FOR CONDEMNATION OF THE SOVIET AGRICULTURAL FAILURES, CLAIMING THAT EVEN "DOCTORED STATISTICS" WILL NOT BE HELPFUL TO BREZHNEV AT THE CPSU FEBRUARY CONGRESS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

11. ON ANGOLA, THE SOVIETS WERE AGAIN CONDEMNED BY NCNA FOR THEIR AMBITIOUS AGGRESSION. ALTHOUGH THE PRC MEDIA HAVE CARR-
IED FOREIGN, PARTICULARLY AFRICAN, LEADERS' CONDEMNATION OF SUPERPOWER INTERFERENCE IN ANGOLA, THE SELF-GENERATED NVSA COMMENTS THUS FAR HAVE REFRAINED FROM CRITICIZING EITHER THE US OR CUBAN ROLES. THE ARTICLES HAVE CONCENTRATED ON THE SOVIETS, AND TO A LESSER EXTENT THE SOUTH AFRICANS (NCNA, DECEMBER 31). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

12. TIMOR

THE FRETILIN DELEGATION HEADED BY DEFMIN LOBATO (WR 53, 1975) DEPARTED PEKING JANUARY 2 WITH NO INDICATION OF ANY CONCRETE ACCOMPLISHMENTS. VICE FONMIN HAN NIEN-LUNG HOSTED THE GROUP, WHICH ALSO MET WITH FONMIN CHIAO KUAN-HUA AS WELL AS VICE PREMIER AND MILITARY AFFAIRS SPECIALIST CHEN HSI-LIEN. CHINA, HOWEVER, HAS CONTINUED TO REFRAIN FROM EXTENDING FORMAL RECOGNITION TO FRETILIN'S DEMOCRATIC

REPUBLIC OF EAST TIMOR. MOREOVER, AN AUTHORITATIVE JANUARY
1 PEOPLE'S DAILY COMMENTATOR ARTICLE CONDEMNED THE INDONESIANS'
"ARMED INVASION" OF TIMOR, CHARGED THAT INDONESIAN FORCES
"EVEN MASSACRED ITS PEOPLE IN COLD BLOOD," BUT GAVE NO HINT
THAT EITHER PRC DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OR MATERIAL SUPPORT
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FOR FRETILIN WOULD BE FORTHCOMING. PERHAPS INDICATING CHINA'S
VIEW THAT THE FRETILIN REGIME HAS LITTLE CHANCE OF IMMEDIATE
SUCCESS, THE ARTICLE CONCLUDED WITH THE FAMILIAR PREDICTION
OF FINAL VICTORY PROVIDED FRETILIN PERSEVERED IN "PROTRACTED
ARMED STRUGGLE" (NCNA, DECEMBER 31-JANUARY 2). UNCLASSIFIED

13. CAMBODIA

SIHANOUK RETURNED TO PHNOM PENH FROM PEKING DECEMBER 31
WITH THE PRC PROVIDING ITS NORMAL HIGH-LEVEL (VICE PREMIERS
TENG HSIAO-PING AND LI HSIEN-NIEN) SEND OFF TO THE PRINCE.
NCNA (JANUARY 6) CARRIED EXTENSIVE EXCERPTS FROM THE
CAMBODIAN PRESS COMMUNIQUE ON THE NEW CAMBODIAN CONSTITUTION,
CAREFULLY INCLUDING SIHANOUK'S ROLE AS "HEAD OF STATE AND
CHAIRMAN OF THE NUFC" (NCNA, DECEMBER 31-JANUARY 6).
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